

## REMARKS

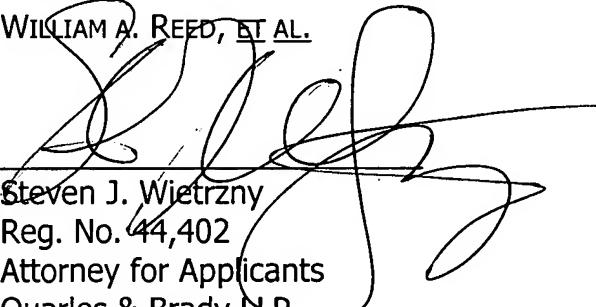
Claims 17-21, 28-31 and 33 are hereby canceled without prejudice from the present application and are being submitted, as amended in applicants' prior (non-entered) response, in a continuation application filed concurrently herewith. The canceled claims are being canceled merely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the pending application. They are believed to recite patentable subject matter, and thus their cancellation should not prejudice their patentability in the continuation application.

All of the remaining pending claims 1-8, 10-16, 22-25, 27, 32 and 34 have been deemed allowable. Applicants thus respectfully request that the application be allowed.

No fees are believed due for consideration of this response. Authorization is hereby given, however, to charge any fees deemed necessary in connection with this response to Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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